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The Cochin Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill *(Cont.)*

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:— Sir, I rise to move that the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew:— I second it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Honourable Members may remember that last time all but the final stage of the Bill had been gone through. This amendment, I may remind the House, only concerns the grant of power to the Chief Court to transfer sessions cases when the Chief Court thinks necessary. The matter was discussed fully last time. I move that the Bill may be finally passed.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Civil Courts Regulation Amendment Bill *(cont.)*

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:— Sir, I beg to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Civil Courts Regulation Amendment Bill. It will be seen from the copy of the Select Committee's report that an explanatory clause was introduced by the Committee. That clause reads thus:— "Provided that in the case of suits and proceedings that are incapable of being estimated at a money value, such value shall be taken to be the value of the relief sought as stated in the plaint." The idea in introducing that amendment was that the matter may be as specific as possible. The Committee left the bill practically in tact otherwise. The Committee however made an observation which is found in clause 2 of the report which runs thus:— "The Committee is further of opinion that early steps should be taken to introduce a Suits Valuation Act in the State. The Committee also considers that it is necessary to consolidate and amend the Chief Court Regulation, the Civil Courts Regulation and the Court Fee Regulation; all these regulations being in a large measure inter related." I may submit for the information of the House that the Government are considering that recommendation and may in all probability adopt the course suggested by the Committee. I now move that the bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew:—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—I rise to move that the Bill may be finally passed on Thursday.

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